

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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- 5 1. An apparatus for applying setting material comprising:
  - a. a plate having a plurality of apertures;
  - b. a circumferential wall coupled to a top portion of said plate;
  - c. at least four hollow sleeves coupled to said wall; and
  - d. a leg inserted through each of said sleeves.
- 10 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said apertures are circular.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said sleeves are threadedly hollow.
4. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said legs are threaded.
- 15 5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said sleeves further comprise:
  - a. a threaded hole, substantially perpendicular to said sleeve;
  - b. a threaded stud engaged in the threaded hole; and
  - c. a knob coupled to said threaded stud.
6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said legs further comprise a spherical head.
- 20 7. A method for applying setting material using the apparatus of claim 1, comprising the steps of:
  - a. placing said apparatus on a surface such that the plate is disposed at a predetermined height above such surface;
  - b. placing setting material on the plate within said wall;
  - c. smoothing said setting material over said plate and allowing the setting material to fall through said apertures onto said surface; and

d. removing sand apparatus.

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